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Places

1. Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

When I first arrived here to take up my new job, I stayed in a hotel, but I soon started looking for a permanent (1), a place to (2)..... my own. The first flat I came (3)..... was cold and uninviting, and had large (4)..... of damp on the walls. The flat (5) onto a factory, so the view was not exactly inspiring. Then I had a look at a small flat in a modern apartment (6)..... It had a parking (7)and was fully (8)....., but the rent was far too high for me. I didn't want to end up in a tiny place, so I answered an ad for house-sharing. The house was in a quiet (9)....., and as soon as I saw it I fell in love with it. There was a high overgrown (10) around the front garden, and (11) to park cars in the drive. The room to (12) looked out over the back garden, and had a big bay window. (13) it meant sharing the kitchen and living room, I did have my own bathroom, really just a shower and washbasin (14) into what must have once been a cupboard. There was, however, quite a lot of (15)..... space.

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|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1) A household | B accommodation | C residence | D habitation |
| 2) A refer | B be | C call | D say |
| 3) A over | B across | C up | D by |
| 4) A patches | B pieces | C stretches | D stains |
| 5) A showed up | B saw through | C gave over | D looked out |
| 6) A tower | B skyscraper | C block | D column |
| 7) A bit | B spot | C location | D space |
| 8) A furnished | B provided | C supplied | D prevented |
| 9) A surroundings | B neighbourhood | C vicinity | D premises |
| 10) A fence | B bush | C hedge | D lawn |
| 11) A room | B capacity | C area | D place |
| 12) A let | B rent | C hire | D lease |
| 13) A But for | B Despite | C Nevertheless | D Although |
| 14) A cramped | B crowded | C cluttered | D crammed |
| 15) A storage | B stocking | C saving | D accumulation |

2. Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences.

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3. Both options make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.

a). The room was *lightly* / *sparingly* furnished, with just a table and a chair.

b). I sat down with the landlady and signed the *tenancy* / *lodging* agreement.

c). At the dump, huge iron skips were crammed full with people's *household* / *domestic* rubbish.

d). A group of homeless people entered the unoccupied house and claimed squatters' *possession* / *rights*.

e). You can't walk on here, as it's private *land* / *property*.

f). They are going to put up a *ten-floor* / *storey* building opposite my house.

g). Groups with guides should go to the side *access* / *entrance*.

- h). There's been a *sharp* / *heavy* rise in the price of property in the south-east.
- i). The rooms are dark and smelly, and the heating is *barely* / *hardly* adequate.
- j) From the cliff top, it was a *vertical* / *sheer* drop to the rocks below.

4. Complete each sentence with the most suitable word from the box.

Bay horizon pass slope strait cliff landscape
 Plain spring tide

- a). This water comes from a , near the bottom of the mountain.
- b). The hills could be seen faintly outlined against the
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5. Complete each sentence (a-j) with one of the endings (1-10).

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9. tiles with a pattern of fruit and flowers.
10. porch and opened the front door.

6. Using the e-mail as a guide, complete the tenancy agreement. Use one or two words in each space. The words you need do not occur in the e-mail.

Dear Bob,

I spoke to the agency about our new house, and they told me lots of rules. I think I've remembered them all, so here we go. We can't keep pets. We have to respect the people living next door, and not make a lot of noise. We have to keep the house neat and tidy. We have to tell the agency right away if there's been a fire in the house. And if we don't keep to those rules we can be asked to leave. Then, when we decide to leave for good, we need to tell them 28 days before we leave. During this 28-day period, we must allow the agency to get into the property to check it over or to show round possible future tenants. Finally, when we leave we mustn't take any fittings or furniture with us. I think that's everything - I told them we'd sign the actual contract when we move in.

Love, Holly.

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- 1.1 Please note that the keeping of pets is (1)..... in the house.
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- 1.4 In the (5)..... of fire at the property, please (6)..... the agency of the details immediately.

1.5 Persistent failure to (7)the above rules may result in you, the tenant, being (8).....

1.6 Please inform us 28 days in (9)of your intention to (10)the premises.

1.7 During this 28-day period, you must allow the agency or the landlady (11)..... to the property should they wish to (12)..... it, or should they wish (13)..... tenants to (14) the property.

1.8 No fittings and furniture may (15)..... by you on your leaving.

Break

7. Match each sentence (a-j) with one of the explanatory sentences (1-10).

a). They have broken down several miles from home....

b). They worked on without a break.....

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d). They got on well as soon as they broke the ice

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Sounds

8. Underline the most appropriate word or phrase in each sentence.

- a). A bee was *humming/buzzing/crashing* angrily against the window pane, unable to get out.
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